

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman; and  
Mark Acton

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail  
Priority Mail Contract 30

Docket No. MC2011-9

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail Contract 30 (MC2011-9)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2011-44

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued December 16, 2013)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire January 4, 2014.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement.<sup>2</sup>

The Postal Service represents that the parties have been working cooperatively on a new contract, but due to extenuating circumstances, were unable to reach an agreement and file with the Commission 15 days prior to the intended effective date.

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. 638, Order Approving Priority Mail Contract 30 Negotiated Service Agreement, January 4, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, December 13, 2013 (Motion).

*Id.* at 1-2. The Postal Service states that the parties do not expect to reach an agreement on a new contract over the next several weeks, due to the upcoming holidays, and that it expects negotiations to resume in January. *Id.* at 2. A window between the expiration of the Existing Agreement and the effective date of the new contract will create an interruption in the customer's access to negotiated rates. *Id.* To avoid this, the Postal Service requests that the Commission grant a 90-day extension to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect so that the parties may resume negotiations, reach an agreement, and the Commission is able to complete its review. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for an additional 90 days and will expire April 4, 2014. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed December 13, 2013, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue through April 4, 2014.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary